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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Marine Mammals and Endangered Species**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permits and permit amendments or modifications.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that permits or permit amendments have been issued to the following entities under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as applicable.

**ADDRESSES:** The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone: (301) 427-8401; fax: (301) 713-0376.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Skidmore (Permit No. 21329 and 21217-01), Shasta McClenahan (Permit No. 22272), Sara Young (Permit No. 21719), Erin Markin (Permit Nos. 21327 and 22123), Amy Hapeman (Permit Nos. 17312-01 and 18238-01), and Courtney Smith (Permit No. 16239-03); at (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notices were published in the *Federal Register* on the dates listed below that requests for a permit or permit amendment had been submitted by the below-named applicants. To locate the *Federal Register* notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the research,

go to [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov) and search on the permit number provided in the table below.

Permit No.	RIN	Applicant	Previous Federal Register Notice	Permit or Amendment Issuance Date
16239-03	0648-XC268	Dan Engelhaupt, Ph.D., HDR, 4173 Ewell Road, Virginia Beach, VA, 23455	83 FR 21765; May 10, 2018	September 26, 2018
17312-01	0648-XC268	Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, 8635 Discovery Way, La Jolla, CA 92093 (Responsible Party: John Hildeband, Ph.D.)	83 FR 21765; May 10, 2018	September 12, 2018
18238-01	0648-XG302	NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8901 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037 (Responsible Party: Lisa Balance, Ph.D.)	83 FR 33209; July 17, 2018	September 20, 2018
21217-01	0648-XF696	Aaron Roberts, Ph.D., University of North Texas, Biological Sciences, 1155 Union Circle, #310559, Denton, TX 76203	83 FR 38287; August 6, 2018	September 20, 2018
21327	0648-XG302	Raymond Carthy, Ph.D., Florida Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit – USGS BRD, University of Florida, P.O. Box 110485, Gainesville, FL 23611-0450	83 FR 33209; July 17, 2018	September 20, 2018
21329	0648-XG345	John P. Wise, Sr., Ph.D., University of Louisville, Department of Pharmacology, 500 S. Preston St., Suite 1319, Louisville, KY 40202	83 FR 34118; July 19, 2018	September 7, 2018
21719	0648-XG094	NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center, 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543-1097 (Responsible Party: John Hare, Ph.D.)	83 FR 26009; June 5, 2018	September 19, 2018
21858	0648-XG332	NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930	83 FR 31736; July 9, 2018	September 7, 2018
22123	0648-XG302	Jeffrey Schmid, Ph.D., Conservancy of Southwest Florida, 1495 Smith Preserve Way, Naples, FL 34102	83 FR 33209; July 17, 2018	September 20, 2018
22272	0648-XG343	Shaw Institute, 55 Main Street Blue Hill, ME 04614 (Responsible Party: Susan Shaw)	83 FR 33924; July 18, 2018	September 7, 2018

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, as applicable, issuance of these permit was based on a finding that such permits: (1) were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA.

**AUTHORITY:** The requested permits have been issued under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226), as applicable.

Dated: October 18, 2018.

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